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9	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10	DISTRICT OF NEVADA
11	BRUCE J. BITTER, individually, and on Case No. 3:08-cv-00064-LRH-VPC
12	behalf of all others similarly situated; DUANE W. LOWRIE, individually, and on) behalf of all others similarly situated,)
13	Plaintiffs,)
14)
15	vs. ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO RESPOND TO CLASS ACTION CONTRACTOR
16	MERCK & CO., INC., SCHERING-) <u>COMPLAINT</u> PLOUGH CORPORATION, and)
17	MERCK/SCHERING-PLOUGH) PHARMACEUTICALS,)
18) Defendants.)
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20	This matter having come before the Court on application of the
21	defendants for an extension of time to answer, move, or otherwise respond to the
22	Complaint pending a decision on centralization of this and other matters by the
23	Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ("MDL Panel") in MDL Docket No. 1938,
24	In Re Vytorin/Zetia Marketing, Sales and Products Liability Litigation, and the
25	plaintiffs having consented to the extension on the terms set forth below, it is
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ORDERED that defendants shall notify the Court of the decision of the MDL Panel within three business days after the MDL Panel issues its decision; and it is further

ORDERED that the time within which defendants may answer, move or otherwise respond to the Complaint in the above matter is hereby extended to a date to be set at the first scheduling conference after the MDL Panel issues its decision; and it is further

ORDERED that if defendants file a responsive pleading in any other similar action pending in another federal district court, they shall notify plaintiffs' counsel before filing such a pleading, and plaintiffs may then file a motion to amend this Order. Defendants reserve the right to oppose such a motion.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

April 3, 2008

DATED:

Submitted by:

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